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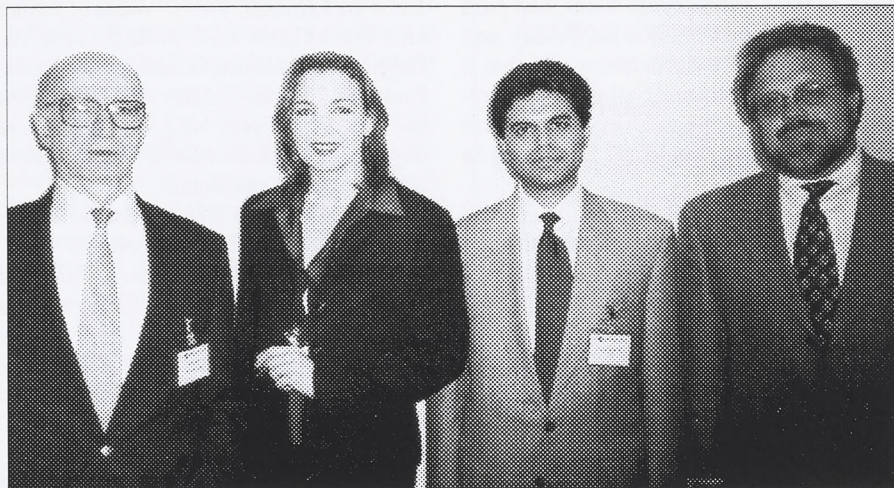
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## Covering Kosovo: Why It Isn't Easy

The title of the roundtable discussion was "Covering Kosovo: Are We Getting a True Picture?" The answer, to the surprise of no one in the room, was "No." The goal of the program—sponsored by the OPC and The Freedom Forum International Division June 24th at the Newseum/NY—was to determine why it was so difficult to get straight answers about the bombing of Yugoslavia and Kosovo and the events after the bombing stopped.

The panelists were Andrew Rosenthal, foreign editor of *The New York Times*; Fareed Zakaria, managing editor of *Foreign Affairs*, and Gene Mater of The Freedom Forum in Washington. Linda Fasulo, OPC Secretary and NBC News UN correspondent, was the program's moderator and during a spirited Question and Answer period she was forced to take on the added duty of traffic cop.

Two observations from panel members that seemed to elicit the most reaction from the audience were that what the Serbs did to the ethnic Albanians was terrible, but it may be wrong to call it genocide and the claim by both



(Left to right) Gene Mater, Linda Fasulo, Fareed Zakaria and Andrew Rosenthal.

Rosenthal and Zakaria that while the Serbian regime in Kosovo was clearly guilty of terrorist activities, there is ample evidence that the Albanian-backed Kosovo Liberation Army also was.

The KLA is "in fact a terrorist organization," Zakaria said. Rosenthal

agreed that at least in some ways the KLA is a terrorist group. He said the KLA is "not the army of a constituted government" and has been accused of drug trafficking, gun-running and killing. Rosenthal added that his news-

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## "Unvanquished" Boutros-Ghali Holds OPC Press Conference

In his new book, "Unvanquished—A U.S.-U.N. Saga" (Random House), former United Nations Secretary-General

Boutros Boutros-Ghali speaks bluntly and critically of President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and their successful campaign to remove him from office in 1996.

He wrote of Albright, for instance: "Fortune is a woman, Machiavelli said, and should be treated roughly, but in this case it was the woman who was rough

and fortune favored her." But there was no Machiavellian rhetoric at a wide-  
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Roy Rowan, OPC President, and Boutros Boutros-Ghali pose at a reception to celebrate his new book "Unvanquished."

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# Springtime in Paris and Other Onerous OPC Duties

by Sonya Fry

It came in a flash on Monday morning. As OPC executive director I *should* go to the 10th anniversary meeting of the European Federation of Press Clubs in Paris. Dennis Griffiths, the new chairman of the London Press Club, had paid a call to the OPC office on Friday and he told me about the meeting and that it would be good to meet all the key players in the European press clubs and besides that we would all be dining in Versailles.

President Roy Rowan agreed and Elinor Griest, who has been the driving force behind the reciprocal arrangements, thought it would be great to sign on all the clubs we had been unable to contact. With only a few weeks to plan I went into action.

I survived the general meeting despite an overnight flight, too many glasses of wine, wonderful and too plentiful food and the fact that the meeting room was under-air-conditioned and the session was conducted in French. I think a gold star for survival is appropriate here! The OPC was greeted with enthusiasm and warmth. My high school French is good enough to get the gist of a conversation, but then Michel Fernet, the director of the Press Club de France, who presided over the meeting, asked me in English if the OPC would consider having a reciprocal agreement with

the entire European Federation of Press Clubs. I broke into a great smile saying how could I disagree with something that would save me hours of paper work. And so with one swoop the OPC solidified existing relationships with press clubs in London, Paris, Vienna, Milan and Barcelona and added Geneva, Belgium, Frankfurt, Madrid, Saragossa, Budapest, Turin, Naples and Sicily. At the end of this very long but productive day, we did indeed dine in Versailles—a great privilege and honor.

While in Paris Roy said that a luncheon should be arranged for OPC members at the hardship post. And as I said in the invitation "Roy Rowan, our president, thinks it would be a lovely idea to gather our tried and true members and our many new members to meet each other. And so by presidential edict we shall do it."

The Scribe hotel, our OPC home in Paris, welcomed the idea of a luncheon in the bar area, but upon arrival the street in front of the hotel was being paved. Only a small inconvenience, but the next morning the entire metro was closed down because the workers were striking for more security in the subway after one of the "controllers" was slashed and died the next morning. The calls started to come in from car phones and secretaries to say that people in the suburban areas simply could not make it



*Sonya Fry, OPC Executive Director, and Michel Fernet, Executive President of the Press Club de France, shake hands to cement the reciprocal relationship between the OPC and the European Federation of Press Clubs.*

in to Paris. Traffic was not moving. Slowly, urban dwellers arrived at the luncheon slightly out of breath and sweaty from two to three mile walks.

I started to relax and eventually out of 15 respondents, 12 made it to the Scribe. Not bad! It was a marvelous group, made even more cohesive by adversity. We had a grand time and I answered many questions about our new club facilities in New York. Gerard Toupet, manager of the Scribe, was most gracious and Lambert Mayer was a great help in setting up our Paris jaunt. Not a bad assignment—having an OPC lunch in Paris. It beats having salad at my desk on 42nd Street.

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# Covering Kosovo: Why It Isn't Easy

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paper would present a detailed article on that subject the next day. Indeed, *The New York Times* the next morning had an in-depth report, including charges that senior commanders of the KLA "carried out assassinations, arrests and purges within their ranks to thwart potential rivals."

On the subject of genocide, Zakaria said the Serb regime had the intention of vast ethnic transfers but the question of whether genocide took place in Kosovo is difficult to determine. Saying mass killing is worse than mass expulsion, Zakaria stressed that ethnic cleansing is not necessarily genocide.

The genocide and terrorist theories brought sharp reaction from the audience of about 100, which didn't seem to lack voices of special interest. Several questions, for instance, came from members of a group called Jews Against Genocide.

Here are some of the other points made by panel members on the war and the coverage:

—We still don't know precisely what went on in Kosovo and how much damage the bombings did.

—NATO gave so little information

that the world press got virtually all its bombing coverage from Yugoslav television.

—Mater said NATO's handling of the press was nearly as bad as Yugoslavia's. In fact, in the cases where NATO and the Serbs disagreed on which side attacked innocent civilians in military operations "in virtually every case the Serbs were telling the truth."

—Asked if the OPC protest to NATO about its bombing of Yugoslav television facilities was proper, both Rosenthal and Zakaria agreed that if you assume the war is justified, then attacking the TV station is justified.

—One reason the war was hard to cover was that it wasn't really a war as we know it. Rosenthal said it was a "commuter war"—there were no troops on the ground to cover and the bomber pilots had dinner with their families, then got into planes and bombed targets, and were home in time for bed.

—Zakaria pointed out that Cold War coverage dealt with strategic matters. Now coverage of foreign news, including wars, focuses on human interest because there is no strategic news.

—NATO countries may share some blame for all the slaughter. Zakaria said most of the Serb mass murders took place after NATO bombings began. "Having noble intentions in foreign policy has never been enough," he said.

—Now that Kosovo is wide open and reporters can go anywhere, maybe we'll finally find out the real story.

## ABOUT THE OPC

**The Overseas Press Club of America** is the nation's oldest and largest association of journalists engaged in international news. Founded in 1939 by 13 foreign correspondents in New York, the OPC has grown to more than 500 members worldwide. The club's mission is to uphold the highest standards in news reporting, advance press freedoms, and promote good fellowship among colleagues. Its activities include events, scholarships and reciprocal relationships with press clubs around the globe. All those with a professional interest in international journalism are invited to contact the OPC about membership.

## OPC Foundation Issues Call for Assistance

The OPC Foundation reports it has experienced major growth and is looking for people with administrative and/or fundraising skills to share their experience with the foundation, either informally or as part-time or seasonal employees. The foundation, which is closely related to the OPC but remains a legally distinct tax-exempt body, has expanded the scholarship program for aspiring foreign correspondents from two scholarships in 1991 to nine this

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year. Foundation President Bill Holstein said "this year we received more than 110 applications from students around the country. The entries are judged and the process culminates in an annual scholarship luncheon in late January. We believe it is the leading U.S. scholarship program for aspiring foreign correspondents." If interested, contact Holstein at (212) 916-3822, or e-mail him at bholstein@usnews.com



## BOUTROS-GHALI

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-ranging OPC Boutros-Ghali press conference devoted to the book June 14 at Club Quarters, 40 West 45 Street in New York City.

With cameras rolling and pens scribbling, the diplomat sounded downright diplomatic. Boutros-Ghali avoided personal criticism of American officials—or anyone else for that matter.

Asked about complaints that the UN Security Council was virtually ignored during the NATO air war against Yugoslavia, Boutros-Ghali said. "It is a very dangerous precedent. I believe the UN is weaker." But he didn't single out anyone for blame. Asked to evaluate the current Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, Boutros-Ghali said he learned long ago "never comment on your predecessor or successor."

He partly blamed the strained relations between the US and UN on differences between Congress and the White House. It is "purely an American problem," he said. He added that it didn't matter whether he was in office or not as far as US-UN relations were concerned and he agreed that predictions the US would pay off its overdue UN debt once Boutros-Ghali was ousted proved false.

The press conference was the first OPC event at Club Quarters since it signed a contract in May making the Club its new home. The event had a decidedly international flavor with TV and print representatives from such places as Japan, Poland, Korea, Israel



(Left to right) Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former UN Secretary-General; Sonya Fry, OPC Executive Director, and John Corporon, former OPC President.

and France. Later on the day of the press conference the OPC and CDC North America, a French investment company, held a reception for Dr. Boutros-Ghali at CDC offices at 9 West 57 Street. The views of Central Park and northern Manhattan were spectacular.

At the press conference, Boutros-Ghali, who was introduced by OPC President Roy Rowan, spent much of the time lamenting the lack of progress in encouraging "international democracy." He said we are spending billions of dollars to foster fair elections and democracy in individual countries. But these efforts aren't truly successful because there are few efforts to create worldwide democracy. Boutros-Ghali said we now have globalization of economies and globalization of tyranny but what we really need is globalization of democracy.

Here are some other points made by Dr. Boutros-Ghali:

- With all the current concern about the Kosovo crisis, less attention is being paid to the other "12 million refugees and displaced persons" in the world.
- Two major problems are the fact

that there is now only one superpower in the world and that many other countries are not willing to play a role in international efforts.

- In world crises, once peace is reached nations lose interest and essential follow-up steps aren't taken. Also there are too few efforts to settle differences before an actual crisis is created.

- The UN is essential to finding solutions to the problems of tomorrow. When the Cold War ended there was a feeling that the UN would take the lead in international diplomacy. But this has not happened, he said.

- On the sanctions against Iraq, Boutros-Ghali said development is a UN goal and sanctions go against that goal. He added that such sanctions usually punish common citizens and not the leaders.

In a philosophical reflection on his loss of power Boutros-Ghali said at least he lost his job in a democratic setting. He said in many third world countries ousted leaders are often killed or sent to prison. In democracies they can write books.

## OPC Directory Update

This summer the OPC office will be working on updating the membership directory. It has been a long time between updates. 1996 was the last printing, but we have been waiting until the clubhouse dust settled so that a directory will reflect all the new information. If you have a change of address, phone, fax, e-mail or a new position, please let the OPC know by Friday, **July 30th**. You can phone: (212) 983-4655 or fax (212) 983-4692, e-mail: [sonya@opcofamerica.org](mailto:sonya@opcofamerica.org) or the trusted mail: 320 East 42 Street, New York, NY 10017.

## Population Institute Awards Deadline

The deadline for entries for the 15 categories of the Population Institute Media Awards is September 1, 1999. Awards are given for "distinguished examples of reporting on population issues." Entries may be made by "any individual or organization from material appearing in the print and electronic

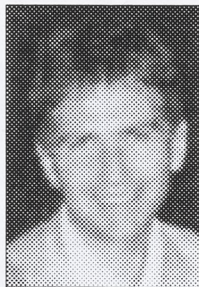
media" between September 30, 1998 and September 1, 1999.

Winners receive a study tour of India November 26 to December 7, 1999. For more information call (202) 544-3300. Fax (202) 544-0068. e-mail: [web@populationinstitute.org](mailto:web@populationinstitute.org)



## PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

**CANBERRA:** A group of reporters from our reciprocal Sydney club, the Foreign Correspondents' Association, Australia & South Pacific, spent an evening this spring inspecting tawdry sites in Canberra. The men and women visited a brothel, a warehouse that legally sells two million hard core video tapes each year and an adult store—"a bit of a change to the dreamy paneled expanses of the briefing rooms in the Department



**Christopher Zinn**

of Foreign Affairs," **Christopher Zinn** of Britain's *The Guardian* wrote in *The Correspondent*, the Association's newsletter. The journalists arrived "too early to meet any working girls at the legally registered bordello," Zinn wrote, but their guides "gave generous answers to all our inquiries which ranged from the economic (porn is worth more than pine trees to the local economy) to the political (the brothels are busiest when Parliament is sitting)." The newsletter published a front page picture of the visitors inspecting the brothel's S&M dungeon.

**DUBLIN:** Brian Meehan, 34, in June pleaded not guilty in the murder three years ago of **Veronica Guerin**, 37, who as a reporter for *The Independent* of Dublin exposed organized crime in Ireland. Police said Meehan, described as an unemployed Dubliner, shot Guerin from a motorcycle while she was sitting in her car at a traffic light on the outskirts of Dublin. Last November, Paul (Hippo) Warde, 34, a drug dealer, was sentenced to life in prison for disposing of the murder gun and the motorcycle (January *Bulletin*). Warde denied helping kill the newspaper reporter but said he knew the drug dealers who planned the murder.

**DULJE, Kosovo:** Two journalists with the German news weekly *Stern*, photographer **Volker Kraemer**, 56, and reporter **Gabriel Gruener**, 35, were shot and killed by snipers June 13 when they were returning by car to Macedonia from a Kosovo reporting trip. **Oliver Herrgesell**, *Stern's* deputy editor, said

the men may have lost their way when they encountered gunfire. They were shot while apparently trying to flee on foot. Kraemer died instantly with a bullet in his head, while Gruener, wounded in the abdomen, died in a helicopter en route to a Macedonian hospital. Chilean journalist **Abner Machuca**, who was wounded in the head by sniper fire while filming on the Kosovo-Albania border May 27, was recovering in an Italian hospital. On June 14, **David Chater**, a British Sky Television correspondent, was fired on by snipers in Prizren, where German and Dutch NATO troops had exchanged gunfire with Serb police and paramilitarists.

**FRANKFURT:** Competition between business newspapers is heating up in Germany. *The Financial Times* and *Grüner & Jahr*, a German magazine publisher, plan to start a German-language version of *The FT* this year. To compete, *The Wall Street Journal Europe* and *Handelsblatt*, Germany's largest business newspaper, agreed in June to exchange news reports. *Handelsblatt* will acquire 49 percent of the *European Journal*, and Dow Jones will own 22 percent of the German newspaper. **Karen Elliott House**, president of Dow Jones International, said the alliance "is not to homogenize these two publications. We want to use our relative strengths to enhance each other." **Dieter von Holtzbrinck**, chairman of Verlagsgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck, owner of *Handelsblatt*, told a news conference his partnership with *The Journal* was not a defensive reaction to *The Financial Times* but "really a coincidence."

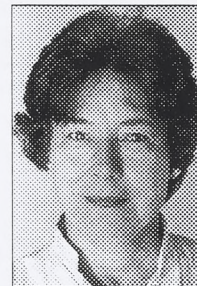
**HONG KONG:** After 21 years as an ABC News correspondent, most recently head of its Hong Kong bureau, OPC member **Jim Laurie** this spring joined Satellite Television Asia Region, Ltd. (STAR-TV) as vice president of network news and current affairs. A subsidiary of **Rupert Murdoch's** News Corporation Ltd., STAR-TV broadcasts news to India and West Asia, and to East Asia in Chinese and English. Laurie is responsible for continuing the development of television news and business services for News Corporation in Asia. Before joining ABC, Laurie covered the war in Viet-

nam and Cambodia, 1970-1973, and then wrote on Chinese and Southeast Asian affairs for Hong Kong's weekly *Far Eastern Economic Review*. Since 1975, he has reported for NBC and then ABC from Tokyo, New Delhi, Beijing, Rome, Moscow, London, Belgrade, Sarajevo, Baghdad and Johannesburg.



**Jim Laurie**

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Massachusetts:** OPC member **Duncan MacDonald**, a life member of the Scottish Clan Donald USA, is the new president of The Caledonian Foundation USA, which supports Scottish Opera and the Theatre Royal in the United States. She succeeded John B. Flowers III, who said MacDonald's media background and her long involvement with the Scottish community in the United States are important "as Scotland moves towards the millennium and takes its place on the international stage."



**Duncan MacDonald**

MacDonald told the *Bulletin*, "From a news point of view, start watching Scotland. Lots of things are happening, not only at the international level with the new Parliament, but with regard to Scots-Americans. The Scots will rise again!" She has worked as a radio broadcaster, TV producer, columnist and editor with *The New York Times* radio station WQXR, NBC-TV, *House Beautiful* magazine, *The Old Farmer's Almanac* and *Yankee* magazine.

**MELBOURNE:** **Peter Costigan**, 63, Washington correspondent for the *Melbourne Herald*, 1968-1976, and Australian correspondent for *The Washington Post*, 1976-1986, has been elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

**MEXICO CITY:** Comedian **Francisco (Paco) Stanley**, 56, a popular TV variety show host, was killed and TV journalist **Jorge Gil** was wounded June 7 when gunmen opened fire on their minivan with automatic rifles, firing at least 26 rounds. They were ambushed while

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# Candidates for the 1999 OPC Board of

*Enclosed in your Bulletin is a ballot for the 1999 OPC elections. Please return it by Monday, Aug. 23, in the colored envelope provided.*

## ACTIVE

### KERRY DOLAN

As associate editor at *Forbes* magazine she oversees and edits *Forbes'* annual special section on the world's billionaires. When not chasing down billionaires, she writes about international investors and entrepreneurs—often in Latin America. Before joining *Forbes* in 1994 she worked as a reporter and editor for Market News Service, a New York based financial newswire. Prior to that, she worked in Tokyo for the English language publications of the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, Japan's largest business newspaper. She speaks Spanish, Japanese and Brazilian Portuguese. Recently she has been co-editor of the *Bulletin* and is currently an Alternate member of the Board.



### ROBERT DOWLING

Bob Dowling, a 20-year veteran of *Business Week*, currently is Managing Editor of *Business Week* International and an Assistant Managing Editor of the North American edition. He is also responsible for *Business Week's* foreign language editions: BW China, BW Russia and BW Poland. Before joining *Business Week*, Dowling was a correspondent covering banking and monetary affairs for *American Banker* and a business/financial reporter and editor for *The Baltimore Sun*.



Dowling is a graduate of Villanova University and has completed Ph.D. studies in international economics at George Washington University. He is co-author of two *Business Week* books, "The Reindustrialization of America" and "The Decline of U.S. Power." He, along with other BW colleagues, won the 1994 OPC Ed Cunningham Memorial Award for best magazine reporting from abroad for their article "21st Century Capitalism."

### DAVID FONDILLER

Senior editor at Merrill Lynch, writing and editing internal communications. Adjunct instructor for media students at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. From 1993 to 1997 a reporter and staff writer at *Forbes*. Prior to that, stints with *Foreign Affairs*, UPI at the UN and Gannett Westchester Newspapers. Spent a year in Germany working at the German Privatization Agency in Berlin and freelancing for American and German publications. A member of the OPC board of governors for three years, he has served as editor of the *Bulletin* (1994-1996), managing editor of *Dateline* (1997), judge of the annual awards (1998) and judge of the OPC Foundation scholarships (1998). Currently, he is leading the club's efforts to attract young members.



### ALEXIS GELBER

As managing editor of *Newsweek International* and assistant managing editor of *Newsweek*, Gelber is involved in setting the editorial direction for both the domestic magazine and its six overseas editions. She joined *Newsweek* in 1980 after serving as editor of *Art Direction* magazine for three years.



As top editor of the "National Affairs" section Gelber coordinated *Newsweek's* coverage of the Oklahoma City bombing, the O.J. Simpson trial and as senior editor from 1989 to 1992 she supervised the magazine's award winning coverage of the 1992 presidential election. Gelber co-edited *Newsweek's* coverage of the Persian Gulf War, which earned the OPC Ed Cunningham Memorial award for best magazine reporting from abroad.

A native New Yorker, Gelber graduated from Barnard College and received a master's degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. As a board member Alexis has been involved in chairing OPC programs, judging the annual awards and heading the Nominating Committee. She is currently seeking a second term on the board.

### JIM LAURIE

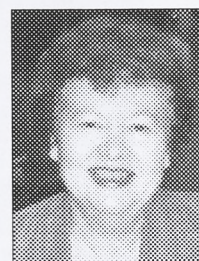
One of Asia's most experienced television news correspondents, Jim Laurie has recently joined Rupert Murdoch's STAR-TV in a senior executive position responsible for the continuing development of Asian television news and business services. For 21 years Laurie was a correspondent for ABC News, most recently

head of the Hong Kong Bureau. Laurie first worked in Asia as a war correspondent in Vietnam and Cambodia and wrote for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. In 1981 he established American television's first news bureau in Beijing. He has won numerous awards for broadcasting including a Peabody and three Emmys. As an OPC member he has been instrumental in attracting new foreign correspondent members in Asia.



### FELICE LEVIN

Professional experience, all in the non-profit world, includes writing, editing, issues analysis, public relations and fundraising. Recently retired after 10 years as senior writer at UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and before that public affairs consultant to the Ford Foundation. Levin did a gun control study for the US Conference of Mayors and was a speech writer for the College Board. An OPC member for more than 30 years, "I was reasonably young when I first joined the club, and now I find I've become one of those old-timers with an institutional memory." A current member of the OPC Board; prior posts have included three terms on the board as an Associate member, 12 years as elections committee chairman, secretary for two terms and a member of the OPC Foundation Board.



### KAREN SCOTT

News Director for WPIX Channel 11 News at Ten and currently an OPC board member. Before joining the WB 11, she had been with NBC News as Producer for News 4 New York. During her tenure the station received the Emmy Award for Outstanding Newscast in New York for five years. Prior to NBC, Karen was Executive Producer for the Post/Newsweek station, WFSB-TV in Hartford, Connecticut. Her awards include honors from The Associated Press, United Press International and the New York Press Club. In 1997 Karen received both an Emmy Award for Outstanding Coverage of an Anticipated Breaking News Story and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. She is on the Board of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the New York Press Club.

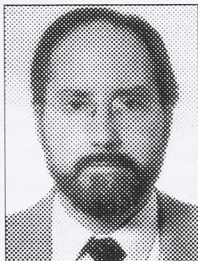




# f Governors

## MICHAEL SERRILL

Assistant managing editor-international, *Institutional Investor* magazine. Serrill has been a foreign affairs journalist for 17 years. He worked for a decade and a half writing about international politics and economics for *Time* magazine's domestic and international editions. As AME of *Institutional Investor*, a respected magazine for money managers, he directs and edits a staff of reporters in Europe and Asia writing about economic affairs. Serrill has been active in the Overseas Press Club for nearly a decade. He ran the Annual Awards for several years, and last year took charge of editing *Dateline* magazine, focusing the issue on the New Europe and its rapid political and economic integration. Serrill has traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.



## RICHARD STOLLEY

Currently Senior Editorial Adviser of Time Inc., Stolley has been at Time Inc. since 1953 as reporter, writer, bureau chief, senior editor and managing editor. During his career he served as chief of four bureaus in the US and Europe. In 1973 Stolley became the founding managing editor of *People*, one of the most successful magazines in publishing history. In 1996 Stolley was named to the American Society of Magazine Editors newly inaugurated Hall of Fame and in 1997 he received the Henry Johnson Fisher Award for Lifetime Achievement in magazines, the most prestigious award the industry bestows from the Magazine Publishers of America. He is a graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.



## ROBERT SULLIVAN

Sullivan is a freelance journalist with 35 years experience including *New York World Telegram & Sun*, UPI foreign correspondent in Saigon and Phnom Penh; chief UPI correspondent in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, and a freelance reporter in Ireland. Sullivan was bureau chief in New York for Worldwide Television News as well as WTN news division manager for the western hemisphere. Sullivan graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and was a Ford Foundation Fellow at



Columbia University's Advance International Reporting program. Currently a member of the board seeking a second term, a judge for the annual awards and an active member of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, Sullivan also teaches journalism at Hofstra University.

## SEYMOUR TOPPING

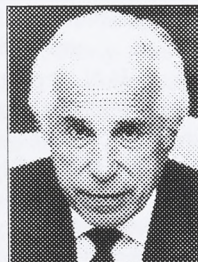
Topping was appointed Administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes and Professor of Journalism in Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in 1993 after serving 34 years with *The New York Times* as a reporter and editor. Apart from his Pulitzer duties, he conducts seminars on covering the post-Cold War world. In 1959 when Topping joined the *Times*, he already had 13 years experience as a foreign correspondent. After serving as an infantry officer in the Pacific in World War II, he was stationed in Beijing as a correspondent for INS covering the China civil war. In 1948 he joined the AP in Nanking and during 1950-51 was chief of the AP staff covering the war in French Indochina. In 1952 he went to London where he covered the Foreign Office and in 1956 was appointed chief of bureau in Berlin.

Topping is a graduate of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri and is author of "Journey Between Two Chinas," published in 1972. In 1992-93 Topping served as President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and currently serves on the Board of the American Committee of the International Press Institute; the National Advisory Committee of the Media Studies Center of The Freedom Forum and the Board of Advisors to the Center for Foreign Journalists. He is also a director of the Center for Independent Journalism which conducts training programs in Eastern Europe. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Asia Society, the National Committee on US-China Relations and the Century Association.

Topping is the author of "The Peking Letter: a Novel of the Chinese Civil War" (Public Affairs) to be published in the late summer.

## CHRIS WELLS

Senior vice president/International of The Freedom Forum, Wells has spent over twenty years in various positions with Gannett Company, the Gannett Foundation and *USA Today*. She is responsible for coordinating the international activities of the



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Freedom Forum's offices in Zurich, Hong Kong and Arlington, Va. She also oversees its journalism training programs, world media conferences, publications and international news library network.

In 1993-94 she was Executive Director of the Newseum, an international museum of news and journalism. In that capacity she was the chief administrator for the development, building and operation of the museum which opened two years ago in Arlington.

Wells holds a master's degree in labor and industrial relations from Michigan State University and a master's of library science from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Board of Overseers of the International Press Center and Club-Moscow (an OPC reciprocal club) and the Board of Visitors of the Michigan State University/ College of Social Science and is currently seeking a second term on the OPC board.

## ASSOCIATE

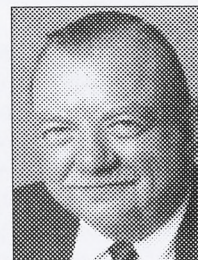
### ELINOR GRIEST

An OPC member since 1961, Griest retired as a *Reader's Digest* senior editor after 35 years with the magazine. Her Club committee activities include: Admissions (reviewing new member applications), Constitution (updating in 1996), By-Laws Revision, Reciprocal Clubs (which now total 38). In addition Griest is on the Foundation Board and is involved with fund-raising for the annual scholarship awards.



### DON UNDERWOOD

A former associate editor of *Life* magazine, Don is active in the club's programming activities, has served as a judge for the annual awards and is on the OPC Foundation Board. After receiving three degrees from the University of Tulsa, he was an editor-owner of several small dailies and weeklies in Oklahoma before joining *Life* as a reporter. As a staff correspondent and editor he reported for *Life* from England, Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. His career includes becoming a professor of Journalism at the University of Utah and an executive with Merrill Lynch. He is co-author of "Grow Rich Slowly," a book on financial planning. As a retired Merrill Lynch Vice President, he now travels the country, giving lectures and seminars on the demographic problems facing the world in the new millennium.





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driving out of a taco restaurant parking lot next to their TV Azteca studio. A bystander, insurance agent Juan Manuel de Jesús Núñez, also was killed, and several others bystanders were wounded including Núñez's wife. The gunmen, who fired into Stanley's face, escaped in a stolen sedan. In his dispatch to *The New York Times*, **Sam Dillon** wrote: "The attack drew new expressions of outrage about the violent crime that many Mexicans say is out of control."

**NEW YORK:** OPC member **Cyma Rubin** produced and directed the Turner Network Television (TNT) program "Moment of Impact: Stories of the Pulitzer Prize Photographs" that tells the stories behind six Pulitzer-winning photographs. The broadcast is scheduled for Sunday, July 18, at 8 p.m. EDT and also 8 p.m. Pacific time. Rubin spent three years putting together the only complete collection of all 130 photos that have won Pulitzers since judging started in 1942, and her exhibit now is touring Japan and South Korea.

**Mark Danner**, 40, a staff writer at *The New Yorker* and former story editor at *The New York Times Magazine* who specializes on foreign affairs, received one of the 32 genius awards announced June 22 by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Danner, who has offered new perspectives on human rights and the U.S. role in foreign affairs, receives a \$295,000 grant from the Foundation.

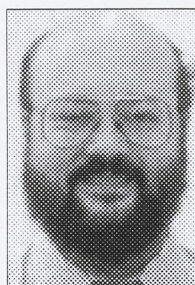
**Helen Thomas**, UPI's longest serving staffer who's still on the payroll and dean of the White House press corps, has reported from Washington since she joined the wire service in 1943. OPC member **Edith (Edie) Lederer** joined AP in New York 33 years ago and spent 25 years as a correspondent in Vietnam, Peru, Puerto Rico, Hong Kong, Kenya and London until last year when she became AP's chief U.N. correspondent. Except when U.S. presidents traveled abroad, the Lederer and Thomas beats never crossed. But after a mutual friend introduced them years ago, the two competing wire service reporters have kept in touch. So it was no surprise when AP's Lederer held a cocktail party in honor of UPI's Thomas June 18 in Lederer's Central Park West apartment, introducing the White House veteran to U.N. ambas-



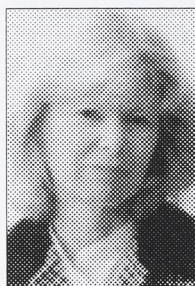
(Left to right) Helen Thomas, Linda Fasulo, and Edith Lederer

sadors; U.N. reporters including OPC Secretary **Linda Fasulo** of NBC News; wire service colleagues and competitors (including **Bill Reilly**, UPI's man at the U.N.). Asked which of the presidents she has covered was most friendly with the press, Thomas replied, "None of them."

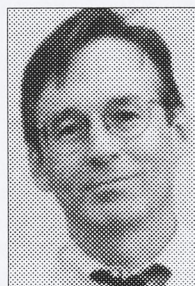
**Kevin Noblet**, AP's deputy international editor, has a new assignment: identifying and training prospective international correspondents and monitoring their work abroad. Before moving to the New York international desk, Noblet spent nine years with AP in Argentina, Chile and Puerto Rico. Meanwhile, AP international correspondents on the move include **Dirk Beveridge**, London business writer to Hong Kong news editor; **Anita Snow**, news editor for Mexico and Central America to Havana bureau chief (second U.S. news organization allowed to open an



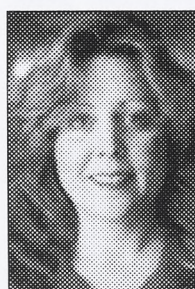
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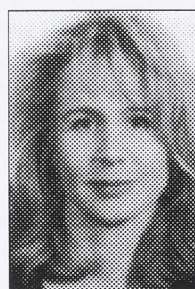
Sally Jacobsen



Kevin Noblet



Anita Snow



Sally Stapleton

office in Cuba—CNN was first); **Sally Stapleton**, senior photo editor for Latin America to senior international photo editor in New York; **Sally Jacobsen**, from New York business news to deputy international editor; and **Burt Herman**, Detroit, and **Ian R. Mader**, Frankfurt, to New York international desk. Transferred from the international desk were **Jacqueline J. Hazelton** to Tokyo and **Ron Kampeas** to Jerusalem.

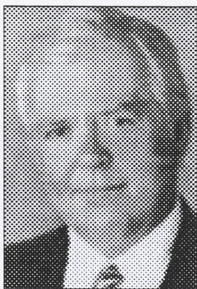
*Newsweek* handed out several promotions this spring. Associate Editor **Sarah Van Boven** was appointed a general editor but, with a Princeton-in-Asia fellowship, started a leave of absence in June to serve as English-language editor of the *Vietnam News* in Hanoi. **Lynette Clemetson**, a former Hong Kong stringer and Washington reporter for the magazine, was appointed a national correspondent based in Detroit. **Sarah Hutman**, originally with *Newsweek International's* Latin America department, was named senior producer of *Newsweek.com*.

**Bernie Krisher**, *Newsweek's* former Tokyo bureau chief, has devoted the past several years to collecting and delivering rice and other relief supplies to North Korea, establishing the English-language *Cambodia Daily* in Phnom Penh and building a hospital for the poor in that Southeast Asian nation. In June with wife **Akiko**, he flew to New York from their Tokyo home to interview job applicants for his newspaper and solicit contributions for his newest project: building schools in the 3,000 Cambodian villages that have no schools. Some schools will be equipped with computers powered by solar panels and with access to the Internet. In a letter to Krisher, Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk wrote that the school project "opens up a bright future to our new generation...[and] will strengthen our efforts to establish a civil society by alleviating the pain, the lost years and the isolation endured by our people during the insufferable years of genocide and civil war." Contact Krisher: 4-1-7-605 Hiroo, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan (150); fax 81-3-3486-6789; E-mail [bernie@media.mit.edu](mailto:bernie@media.mit.edu)

A few old Edo hands spun tales from Tokyo and dined on sushi when newsman **Bill Shinn** and wife **Sally** stopped in New York from their Los Angeles home in June en route to their grandson's graduation at Williams College in Massa-



chusetts. Seated on Restaurant Nippon's tatami floor with the Shinn's were the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. **Ko Shioya**; AP's **Richard Pyle**, formerly its Tokyo news editor; and **Al Kaff**, 13 years with UPI in Japan and 16 years elsewhere in Asia. Ko, formerly AP and *Reader's Digest* in Tokyo, is North American bureau chief and editor-at-large for Bungei Shunju, a Japanese book and magazine publisher. Pyle had just returned from an assignment in Albania, while Shinn reported full recovery from esophagus cancer surgery. In "The Forgotten War Remembered" [Elizabeth, New Jersey: Hollym, 1996], Shinn describes his scoops and narrow escapes when he was an AP correspondent during the Korean War.



**Lou Dobbs**

**Lou Dobbs**, 53, who managed more than 300 CNN financial reporters around the world, left the network in June to start his own Web site, Space.com, that will offer news, entertainment and education related to outer space. Dobbs was an executive vice president of CNN, founding president of CNNfn and anchor of its financial news program "Moneyline News Hour" that charges the network's highest advertising rates. With a nightly U.S. audience of 300,000 to 400,000 homes, "Moneyline" does not even rank among the 100 most watched cable programs, but it is a favorite in households with annual incomes above \$75,000. **Bill Carter** of *The New York Times* wrote. Carter reported that Dobbs had clashed with CNN President **Rick Kaplan** "over the allocation of resources and the issue of preemptions of his program for live news coverage."

**Rupert and Anna Murdoch** ended their 32-year marriage in June by settling their property dispute over the family-owned News Corporation. Seventeen days later, on June 25, Murdoch, 68, chairman of News Corporation, married **Wendi Deng**, 32, who resigned last year as vice president of Murdoch's Hong Kong-based STAR Television service.



**Wendi Deng and Rupert Murdoch.**

The double-ring ceremony was performed at night before 82 guests aboard Murdoch's 155-foot yacht, the *Morning Glory*, while it sailed in New York Harbor.

**PASADENA, California:** To expand its 1999 educational programs for print and broadcast journalists, the Foundation for American Communications (FACS) has received \$75,000 from The Freedom Forum. Study topics include science, business, law, health and First Amendment issues. Explaining the grant, OPC member **Charles L. Overby**, chairman and CEO of The Freedom Forum, said: "There is an intense desire by reporters to learn more throughout their careers. Too often they feel unprepared to cover stories adequately." Meanwhile, to expand its in-newsroom education programs, the Pasadena-based FACS has established a Washington, D.C., office headed by **Jeff Cowart**, former associate director of the American Press Institute. OPC member **Jack Cox** is the Foundation's president.



**Charles L. Overby and Jack Cox.**

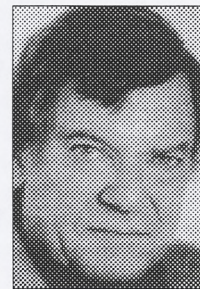
**PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania:** After a 30-year career as a feature writer including 22 years with the now defunct *Pittsburgh Press*, OPC member **Jerry Vondas** is obituary editor of the daily *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. Vondas told the



**Jerry Vondas**

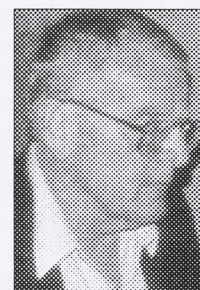
*Bulletin* that when acquaintances who are unaware of his new assignment ask how they can get information into his column, he replies, "You don't want your name in my column." Alden Hathaway, a retired Episcopal bishop, told Vondas: "Your column is a ministry to the bereaved."

**SYDNEY:** **Robert Hughes**, 60, *Time* magazine's art critic since 1970, suffered chest injuries, multiple right leg fractures, broken sternum and fractured ribs May 28 when the car he was driving collided head-on with another car in northwestern Australia. A helicopter flew him to Perth, where he underwent 14 hours of surgery. Hughes was alone at the time of the accident. Three people in the other vehicle also were injured. Sydney-born Hughes, who lives in New York City, was filming a BBC documentary series about his native country. Author of several books on art and culture, his 1986 book, "The Fatal Shore," a history of the settlement of Australia by convicts, was an international best seller.



**Robert Hughes**

**Carl Robinson**, who covered the Vietnam War for AP from 1968-1975, and his wife **Kim** have started Travel Indochina, an agency to conduct tourists on a tour of Vietnam battlefields while his wife leads gourmet tours from the Mekong Delta to Hanoi. After the Vietnam War, Robinson was a *Newsweek* correspondent in Sydney until the magazine closed the bureau. He and his wife then ran the Sydney Vietnamese restaurant, The Old Saigon.



**Carl Robinson**

**TAIPEI:** Only 28 governments recognize the Republic of China (ROC) on Taiwan, most of them small Latin American and Pacific countries. But the International Press Institute with chapters in more than 100 nations around the world selected Taipei as the site for its 48th General Assembly this spring, IPI's first annual meeting to be held in the

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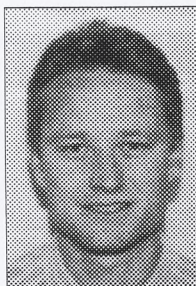
Nationalist Chinese capital. **Johann Fritz**, IPI's secretary general, told the 400 delegates that Taiwan's unique position in the world is a product of clashing governmental, economic and moral interests and expectations. "Time will work in Taiwan's favor," he said. Fritz said he regretted that mainland China refused to send journalists and speakers to the Taipei meeting. Addressing the meeting, ROC President Lee Tung-hui said IPI helped fuel the development of democracy in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. "Without press freedom, there can be no democracy," Lee said. The IPI meeting was organized by three Taipei newspaper and magazine publishers: **Peter Wang**, *United Daily News* chairman; **Albert Yu**, *China Times*; and **Diane Ying**, *CommonWealth* magazine and chair of IPI's Taiwan chapter.

**TOKYO:** Because of a parking ticket, author **James Michener**, who covered the Korean War for *Reader's Digest*, gave his collection of *ukiyo-e*, one of the world's greatest holdings of Japanese woodblock prints, to the Honolulu Academy of Arts instead of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. **John Roderick**, for years AP's chief China watcher, told the story in the May issue of *No.1 Shimibun*, monthly paper of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. After parking in the Met's parking lot, Michener was given a ticket by a police officer. "Furious, Michener drove away and offered the collection to Honolulu instead," Roderick wrote. Michener, who died in 1997, started collecting Japanese prints in the 1950s, acquiring some 5,400, and wrote books on old and modern *ukiyo-e*.

Meanwhile, new faces are popping up among the 360 correspondents at No. 1 Shimibun Alley, recognized by Tokyo Central Post Office as the Foreign Correspondents' Club's mailing address throughout the Club's three

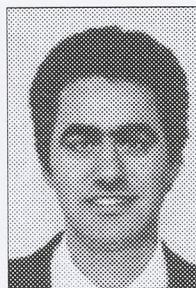


Brian Fowler



Michael Millett

moves since its 1945 founding. New members include **Brian Fowler**, Dow Jones Newswires; **Michael Millett**, *Sydney Morning Herald*; and **Jerome Rivet**, Agence France-Presse.



Jerome Rivet

Although Tokyo metropolitan officials probably would have refused permission, ashes of a former president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ) were scattered in the air above the Club this spring. **Bruce MacDonell**, 60, formerly NBC News, died in March in Burbank, California (*May Bulletin*). Six weeks later, his widow, **Mary Ann Maskery**, previously ABC News, flew back to Tokyo for a Club memorial service and, with daughter **Sharon MacDonell**, scattered some of his ashes from the roof of the Yurakucho Denki Building, where the club is located in central Tokyo, a couple of blocks from the Imperial Palace. Maskery plans to scatter remaining ashes at some of her husband's other favorite places including Bangkok, Copenhagen and Cape Cod. MacDonell and Maskery are the only husband-and-wife couple to serve as FCCJ presidents, she from 1984-1985 and he 1986-1987.



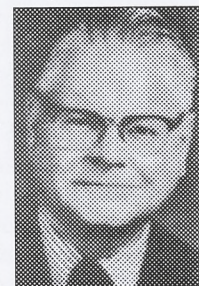
(From left) Club President Bob Neff, Mary Ann Maskery and Sharon MacDonell.

**WASHINGTON:** Directed by OPC member **John Schidlovsky**, Pew Fellowships in International Journalism for this autumn have been awarded to seven U.S. journalists. Starting in September, they will study for two months at The Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies and then spend seven weeks reporting from abroad. Winners and countries from which they will report: **Cheryl Anne Hatch**, freelance photojournalist in Ohio, Eritrea; **Cyril Ibe**, Chicago radio producer,

Angola; **Carrie Kahn**, reporter for San Diego radio station KPBS, Mexico; **Dave Newbart**, freelance reporter in Chicago, China; **Heather Anne Szerlag**, freelance reporter in Washington, Middle East; **Colin Woodard**, freelance reporter in Maine, Pacific Islands; and **Kai Wright**, *Washington Blade* reporter, Zimbabwe. Deadline to apply for the spring 2000 fellowships is Oct. 1. Contact E-mail jschidlovsky@mail.jhuwash.jhu.edu or telephone (202) 663-7761.

## IN MEMORY

**Kenneth S. Davis**, a World War II correspondent in Europe, spent more than 30 years researching and writing a five-volume biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Davis, who finished the fifth volume, "The War President," in December, died of cancer June 11 at age 86 in a Madison, Wisconsin, hospital. Born in Salina, Kansas, his early interest was agriculture, but he became a non-academic historian. He was the author, co-author or editor of some 20 books including biographies of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Charles A. Lindbergh and Adlai E. Stevenson. During World War II, Davis was a correspondent for Doubleday & Company, attached to the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in London and Normandy.



Kenneth S. Davis

U.S. Navy photographer **Harold S. Fawcett's** photos of American warships exploding and burning during the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor were considered by the U.S. Navy to be too disturbing for public release. "Officials in Washington at first tried to minimize the damage at Pearl Harbor," said Paul Stillwell, director of the history division at the United States Naval Institute. "A year later they thought the American people could accept setbacks." So on the first anniversary of the attack, Fawcett's photos appeared in *Life* magazine and many newspapers, including a widely-published picture of the wreckage of the destroyers *Downes* and *Cassin* in dry dock in front of the bombed and burning battleship U.S.S. *Pennsylvania*, flagship of the Pacific Fleet. Fawcett died of cancer June 5 at a Grafton, West Virginia, hospital. He was 82. During 19



years in the Navy, Fawcett became a decorated World War II pilot, and after the war he photographed two hydrogen bomb tests on Bikini. After retiring from the Navy, he worked for Sears, Roebuck and Company.

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**Walter R. Schumann**, 83, a New York newspaperman who founded a military daily during World War II, died in a Stony Brook, N.Y., hospital June 4 of complications from advanced diabetes. While serving in the Southwest Pacific with the 13th U.S. Army Air Corps Fighter Command, Schumann, a great-grandson of German composer Robert Schumann, started *The Sunsetter* that published international news from wire service and short-wave radio transmissions and local base happenings for pilots and crews. The few surviving copies will be donated to the Admiral Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas. Schumann began his newspaper career at the New York *Sun* in the late 1930s. After the war, he returned to the *Sun* until it was sold to the *World-Telegram* in 1950. He moved his family to their Shelter Island summer home in 1959 and founded the *Shelter Island Reporter*, the island's first successful weekly. With his eyesight failing, he sold the paper in 1973.

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**Shirley Saltzman Katzander**, 78, a public relations consultant and a former editor at *European Stars & Stripes*, died in her New York City home May 26 of congestive heart failure. Shortly after graduating from high school, she joined *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as a reporter covering that city's nightlife. After World War II ended in Europe, she and her husband, **Howard L. Katzander**, moved to Frankfurt, where he wrote for *Stars & Stripes* and she was a copy editor for the U.S. military newspaper. They divorced in 1957. During the 1950s and 1960s, she worked for the liberal magazine *The Reporter* and ran her own public relations company for nearly 20 years.

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**Kenneth Dodson**, 91, who wrote best-selling books about his experiences as a World War II seaman, died May 24 at his home in Stanwood, Washington. After graduating from high school, Dodson spent 20 years in the U.S. Merchant Marine. He enlisted in the Navy shortly after the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack and saw action in nine major battles including Okinawa. In the early 1950s, his friend,

poet **Carl Sandburg**, encouraged him to write about his World War II experiences. After studying creative writing at the University of Washington, Dodson wrote "Away All Boats," which was made into a movie; "Stranger to the Shore;" "Hector the Stowaway Dog," which was made into a Walt Disney TV movie; "The China Pirates;" and his last book, "The Poet and the Sailor," completed shortly before his death.

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**Helena Kuo Kingman**, 86, author and a former newspaper reporter and columnist in China and England, died April 25 in a Taipei hospital. She lived in New York City and was in Taiwan for a reception for her husband, painter **Dong Kingman**, at the Taiwan Museum of Art. Born in Macao, Kuo was a reporter for *The Shanghai Evening News* and other Chinese newspapers in the 1930s. When Japan invaded China in 1937, she moved to England and became a columnist for London's *Daily Mail*, moving two years later to the United States. Her first book, "Peach Path" [Methuen] was published in 1940. She wrote three more books under her name and another with her husband; was an adviser to the 1943 movie "China," starring William Bendix, Loretta Young and Alan Ladd; and was a

writer, broadcaster and translator for Voice of America and USIA.

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When the club at London's International Press Centre failed in 1986, British newspaperman **John le Neve (Johnnie) Johnson** believed it impossible that London could be without a press club. So he led a revival of the old club into the London Press Club, and ever since he and his wife **Bunty** have made the club their life, often working seven days a week on club matters. The OPC and the London Club have established reciprocal privileges for their members, and Johnson always welcomed visitors from our club. In 1994 when **Elinor Griest** was a one-person committee organizing reciprocal agreements for the OPC, she was greeted by Johnnie at the bar with Scotch in hand, and he took her on a tour of the Wig and Pen, then the location of the London Press Club. When OPC Executive Director **Sonya Fry** was in London in 1995, Johnson came into central London from the suburbs on a hot summer day to have lunch and regale her with many wonderful stories. "Johnnie Johnson was the London Press Club personified," Fry told the *Bulletin*. Johnson, a member of the London Press Club for 50 years, died Feb. 10 at age 84.

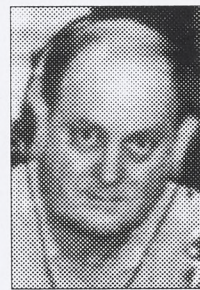
#### NEW BOOKS

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• For the South African Broadcasting Corporation, **Antjie Krog** covered hearings before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, established to pardon perpetrators of apartheid violence and compensate its victims. Herself a South African Afrikaner, Krog writes of the commission's work and its effects on her in "Country of My Skull: Guilt, Sorrow, and the Limits of Forgiveness in the New South Africa" [New York: Times Books/Random House]. She relates to the Afrikaner members of a police hit squad: "I am powerless to ignore what vibrates in me—I abhor and care for these five men." Reviewing the book in *The Washington Post*, **Steven Mufson** wrote: "I worked as a journalist in South Africa during the 1980s, and most of what is in here doesn't surprise me, but it still horrifies me. Even for those of us generally aware of what was happening, the litany of violence—whether about police ramming rods up orifices and suffocating people with wet bags or about the 'necklace' executions of suspected informers by black mobs

armed with tires and gasoline—is mind-numbing after a while."

• In "Reporting from Hong Kong: Foreign Media and the Handover" [London, Curzon], **Alan Knight**, chair of journalism and media studies at Australia's Central Queensland University, examines how foreign correspondents dealt with Hong Kong's 1997 return to China.



**Alan Knight**

Knight, who supported himself by working at Radio TV Hong Kong while writing the book, says the end of British rule traumatized and excited Western reporters. He writes: "There would be no more English-speaking insiders leaking policies at the bar of the Foreign Correspondents' Club. The last of the old European Empires had ebbed away, leaving the remaining Chinawatchers beached and isolated. The new order would favour Chinese-speaking reporters and presume Chinese priorities."



# New Books

• "It's fair to say that, if I'd been a better speller, I probably would've spent life as a newspaperman." —**Dan Rather**

In his latest book, "Deadlines and Datelines" [New York: William Morrow], OPC member Rather, anchor and managing editor of CBS News, writes that he started his career "as a glorified stringer at the *Houston Chronicle*. It quickly became apparent to my editors that my future lay



**Dan Rather**

outside print. It took them so long to correct my spelling errors that my stories wouldn't go to press until four or five editions had run." So he joined CBS, "known then as now as a writer's network. The speller's network, of course, has always been ABC." He adds: "Now, after long years of study and practice, and thanks to spell-check programs on my computer, I have finally resumed my newspaper career," writing a weekly column syndicated by King Features. Rather's book is a collection of essays distilled from his columns and daily radio programs. Here are some of Rather's comments. Special Prosecutor Ken Starr's investigation: "Some called it Lewinskygate, others called it disgusting." Movie star Myrna Loy, who "reminds me that Hollywood can provide powerful images—role models—of sexiness and beauty, and *brains*." Saddam Hussein telling Rather in 1990: "You Americans can't take the blood." Mother Teresa as "one tough lady, on a mission from God." Rather summarizes what he learned while

growing as a reporter: "Almost nobody wants your opinion. People want facts, not opinions, from reporters. **Ed Murrow** once famously remarked that 'My opinion isn't worth any more than that of the drunk at the end of the bar.' And 'commentary' is almost valueless—anybody can comment, whether or not they know what they're talking about."

• **T. R. Reid** lived in Tokyo with his family for five years when he was a correspondent for *The Washington Post*. In "Confucius Lives Next Door: What Living in the East Teaches Us About Living in the West" [New York: Random House], he writes about a Japan where income disparities are small, crime minimal, families stable and workers' jobs are saved in hard times. Reid learned that 9-year-old girls could travel unsupervised and safely on trains to theme parks hours from home. The Reids sent their daughters to Japanese elementary schools where "there was one correct backpack to be worn, and one correct way to adjust its straps.... Each student was supposed to have three sharpened pencils in her desk—not four, not two." When a manufacturer of ice-breaking ships lost business, the company protected workers' jobs by building the Wild Blue Yokohama, a huge indoor seashore with artificial waves and big enough to hold several hundred swimmers plus dozens of surfers. The company then built an indoor ski slope, a 25-story metal box with artificial snow and "the world's largest refrigeration bill." Reid writes that Japan's annual murder rate is less than 1 per 100,000 compared with 7.5 in the United States, and a good share of Japan's homicides are *yakuza* (criminal gangs) knocking off

members of rival gangs. The Confucius of the book's title is a courtly Japanese gentleman who lives next door to the Reids and who teaches the family how to live in harmony with its neighbors.

• In 1983 a puddle of tularemia bacteria accidentally spilled onto the floor of a secret Soviet weapons lavatory, enough to infect everyone in the Soviet Union. Standing in the puddle was **Kanatjan Alibekov**, a research scientist and executive in the Soviet efforts to make biological weapons. Within hours he was too sick to move, but many doses of tetracycline prevented the bacteria from disabling if not killing him. Alibekov defected to the United States in 1992 and changed his name to **Ken Alibek**. Now with **Stephen Handelman**, a former Moscow correspondent for *The Toronto Star*, he has written "Biohazard: The Chilling True Story of the Largest Covert Biological Weapons Program in the World—Told From the Inside by the Man Who Ran It" [New York: Random House]. Reviewing the book in *The New York Times*, **Philip Taubman**, assistant editorial page editor of *The Times* and its Moscow correspondent, 1985-1988, wrote: "Alibek has a fine eye for the cold-blooded customs of the Soviet state, including coercion and deception.... While a student at the Tomsk Medical Institute in Siberia, he had surmised from medical records that Soviet forces had used the same disease [tularemia] as a weapon against German troops outside Stalingrad in 1942. His professor, a colonel, icily told Alibek, 'You have gone beyond your assignment,' and advised him never to speak of the matter again."

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## ANNUAL ELECTION — AUGUST 24, 1999 VOTING INFORMATION

1. Enclosed is your ballot for the 1999 Annual Election of the Overseas Press Club of America, together with an official return envelope. Please note that the address on the envelope is to Club Quarters where the official counting of the ballots will take place.
2. All ballots must be received by **MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1999.**
3. Ballots once received may not be recalled or changed; however, if a ballot is lost, you may apply for a new one by making a written declaration to the Judges of the Election.
4. In the event of a tie, the By-Laws provide for an additional ballot to be taken by the members present at the annual meeting.
5. The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Club Quarters, 40 West 45 Street. Election results will be announced at this annual meeting.
6. Active members may vote only for Active candidates. Associate members may vote only for Associate candidates.
7. You must use the official colored envelope to return your ballot. Ballots received in any other fashion are not qualified to be counted.

**COMMITTEE OF THE JUDGES  
OF THE ELECTION**

Chris Tofalli, Chairman  
John Bausman  
Sara Everett

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### ACTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (elect 7)

- ☐ 1. Kerry Dolan
- ☐ 2. Robert Dowling
- ☐ 3. David Fondiller
- ☐ 4. Alexis Gelber
- ☐ 5. Jim Laurie
- ☐ 6. Felice Levin
- ☐ 7. Karen Scott
- ☐ 8. Michael Serrill
- ☐ 9. Richard Stolley
- ☐ 10. Robert Sullivan
- ☐ 11. Seymour Topping
- ☐ 12. Chris Wells

### ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBERS (elect 1)

- ☐ 1. Elinor Griest
- ☐ 2. Don Underwood